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SUBJ: US/EC RELATIONS: IRISH PROBLEMS WITH LINKAGE AND
"INSTITUTIONALIZATION"

1. DCM AND POL OFFICER HAD WORKING LUNCH OCT 16 WITH
HUGH MCCANN, PERMSEC AT FONOFF AND PAUL KEATING, ASST
SEC. THIS WAS FIRST TIME WE HAD SEEN KEATING SINCE
HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK. HE HAD ALSO ATTENDED
OCT 10/11 MEETING OF POL DIRECTORS IN COPENHAGEN AND
PLANNED RETURN OCT 17. WE ASKED FOR IRISH ASSESSMENT
OF NEW YORK AND COPENHAGEN MEETINGS.

2. KEATING HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY STOESSEL'S
HANDLING OF NEW YORK CONSULTATIONS, AND APPEARED
GENUINELY DISTURBED BY LEAKS IN BINDER ARTICLE. HE WAS
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RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS OF OCT 10/11 MEETING.

HE THOUGHT THAT PROSPECTS FOR US/EC MEETING IN COPENHAGEN WERE GOOD. HE QUALIFIED THIS, HOWEVER, BY SAYING THAT TWO US PROPOSALS WERE "NOT ON." FIRST WAS PROPOSAL FOR "GLOBALIZATION," OR LINKAGE BETWEEN EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS. WE DID NOT TRY TO DRAW HIM OUT ON THIS, AS IRISH HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED THEIR PROBLEM IN SOME DETAIL (DUBLIN 1376). OTHER BASIC PROBLEM WAS "INSTITUTIONALIZATION." ON THIS, KEATING SAID THAT EC NINE HAD TO MEET AS NINE AND NOT "AS TEN, WITH THE US." MCCANN ADDED EC MUST WORK OUT ITS OWN POSITIONS AND IDENTITY. US COULD NOT "PLUCK APPLES FROM A TREE ON WHICH THERE ARE STILL ONLY BUDS."

3. WE REPLIED THAT THIS SEEMED AN OVER-REACTION TO ANYTHING US HAD SUGGESTED. DRAWING ON STATE 204444, WE NOTED THAT US NATURALLY WISHED TO DEVELOP BETTER METHODS FOR MAKING INPUT INTO EC POLICY-FORMULATION PROCESS, SO THAT EC POLICIES WOULD NOT CATCH US BY SURPRISE.

4. KEATING THEN SPELLED OUT AN APPROACH WHICH HAD SOME NEW ELEMENTS, AT LEAST FOR IRISH. FOR EC TO DEVELOP INTERNALLY, HE SAID, IT COULD NOT CONSULT MULTILATERALLY WITH THE US--THAT IS IN MEETINGS OF "TEN"--BUT THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO "BINARY" CONSULTATIONS. BY WAY OF CLARIFYING THIS CONCEPT, WE ASKED WHETHER IRISH FORESAW "BINARY" CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE BEFORE EC DECISIONS, DISCUSSING INPUTS TO THOSE DECISIONS, AND INFLUENCING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF EC NINE IN WORKING OUT COMMUNITY POSITION. IRISH SEEMED UNPREPARED FOR THIS QUESTION AND UNSURE HOW TO RESPOND. WE GAVE EXAMPLE: LAST WEEK WE HAD MADE STRONG REPRESENTATIONS AGAINST EXTENDING CAP TO SOYBEANS. WE HAD MADE SUCH REPRESENTATIONS TO OTHER EC NATIONS AS WELL AS IRELAND, AND, OF COURSE, WE HOPED THAT ALL WOULD CONSIDER US INPUT WHEN FORMULATING THEIR OWN POSITION WITHIN EC. IRISH AGREED THAT THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE PROCESS.
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